

## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 578

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A RESOLUTION to honor the life and memory of John Stevens Reed of Nashville.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the untimely passing of John Stevens Reed; and

WHEREAS, an exemplary public servant and consummate professional, Mr. Reed served as an assistant to two Nashville mayors before starting his own government relations firm, J.S. Reed and Company; and

WHEREAS, John Reed was born in East Lansing, Michigan, and graduated from Middle Tennessee State University in 1971; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Reed served on the staffs of Nashville Mayors Beverly Briley and Richard Fulton and was later involved with three lobbying firms in Nashville, including J.S. Reed and Company; and

WHEREAS, John Reed was honored in June of 2006 with an award from the Tennessee Press Association (TPA) for his work in defense of the First Amendment and on behalf of open government; and

WHEREAS, the TPA also recognized his "reputation for exhibiting the highest standards of his profession" during more than a decade of service to the group; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Reed was a charter member of the Tennessee Lobbyists Association and the Exchange Club and was also an avid fisherman; and

WHEREAS, deeply devoted to his family, John Reed always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Reed enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife, Ann Bond Reed, and was the proud father of two daughters, Lindsay Jane Reed and Jessica Davidson Reed; and

WHEREAS, this remarkable gentleman is also survived by his father, Quilla D. Reed, and spouse, Elizabeth; a sister, Mary Reed Nixon, and spouse, Howard; and a brother, Robert Leon Reed, and spouse, Joan; and

WHEREAS, John Reed was preceded in death by his mother, Jane Reed, and a brother, David Reed; and

WHEREAS, John Stevens Reed leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and compassion in professional life, loyalty and conviviality in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of John Stevens Reed, reflecting fondly upon his singular talent and impeccable character as a public servant and his stalwart commitment to protect the First Amendment ideals of open government and a free press for all citizens of Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Reed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.